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BIO VILLAGE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any Bio-village scheme to improve the economic conditions of the farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of those villages selected/proposed to be selected in the first instance;

(d) whether any workshop has also been started for this purpose in the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (c): The Department of Bio-Technology in the Government of India hassanctioned a project on establishing model Bio-villages at Mocha-Gorser near Porbander, Gujarat. The Central Salt and Marine Chemicals Research Institute

(CSMCRI), Bhavnagar is the lead implementing agency of the projectAs per the objective, training programmes have been organized to benefit the villagers through biotechnological interventions like promotion and use of biofertilisers, bio-pesticides, bio-gas and also propularisation of plantations like jojoba, Jatropha, Salvadora and Shankhpushpi particularly on wastelands.

Based on the success of establishing bio-village at Mocha − Gorser, the projects are proposed to be developed in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and West Bengal where the Department of Biotechnologywill provide technical advice. A total outlay of Rs.8.08 lakhs exists for this pilot project during 2000-2001.

(d) to (f): No workshop has been organised on this aspect. However, the Department of Bio-technology has consulted a number National Institutions in formulating this project.